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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Over the last few months I have interviewed you on the telephone several times, for a project I am developing on the "first generation" Kennedy assassination critics.

Yesterday, during our most recent conversation, you mentioned to me with some regret that someone had stolen some material from your home relating to your suit against the State Department after your dismissal under the McCarran Rider.

In a videotaped interview you gave to David Starks in 1997, which I have a copy of, you discussed this subject at some length. You read from a letter you received from Arnold, Fortas and Porter.

> Anyway, after it was all over, I must have given the lawyers some kind of token of appreciation, because—you know, I'd just lost my job, none of us rich, we all having trouble—just a gesture. So on the date of November 28, 1947, I got this letter from Arnold, Fortas, and Porter: "We want you to know how deeply we appreciate your kind and generous gesture in sending us a gift, and the warm sentiments which accompanied it. You know it was a pleasure to be of service to you, and your calmness and dignity under the most adverse circumstances were in no small measure responsible for your ultimate vindication." And all three partners signed it. Plus, a lawyer on the staff who worked on it.

I thought you might like to have the above quote. Of course, it's a far cry from getting back the documents themselves, but perhaps it will have some meaning for you.

I expect to have additional questions for you in the near future and look forward to talking to you again. You're a real history lesson.

Regards,

John